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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for 16-24 lb. frozen toms steady to barely steady, frozen hens steady to fully steady with some unsettledness noted for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday period. Demand and trading light. Most interest centering on fresh offerings for the upcoming holiday. Offerings of fresh hens light to adequate while fresh toms are light to fully adequate. Supplies of frozen hens light to instances ample with some excess availability noted. Frozen toms adequate to ample, mostly adequate. Bulk parts trading and demand light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading limited. Activity centering on drums going to Mexico. Some interest noted from Russia and Asia. Light volume of whole birds for export noted, hens at 78 cents and toms at 73 cents.

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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-79	79	79.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-79	76.5-78	77.14	280	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	80	80.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-74	69	69.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-75	75	75.00	60	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF OCT. 29, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF OCTOBER	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	81.51	80.50	74.22	EASTERN REGION	79.30	76.28	71.52
CENTRAL REGION	77.55	79.01	70.54	CENTRAL REGION	78.36	75.93	70.65
WESTERN REGION	80.00	79.33	74.00	WESTERN REGION	78.45	75.86	71.14
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.50	72.90**	76.88	EASTERN REGION	73.33	72.76	73.77
CENTRAL REGION	69.45	74.02	77.00	CENTRAL REGION	72.91	72.85	73.09
WESTERN REGION	75.00	73.57	77.00	WESTERN REGION	73.65	72.29	73.40

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97-102
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	85-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-87

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 01-NOV-99

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS LBS	TOMS LBS
	PRICE (000)	PRICE (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	83.07 914	82.73 344
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	83.07 914	82.73 344
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER-	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	ROASTERS	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	----	THOUSAND	HEAD----	WT
N EAST	888	174	23.32	(A)	(A)	906	23.38
SATL	724	4	27.60	(A)	(A)	747	27.48
N CENT	2,162	1	27.74	(A)	(A)	2,180	27.73
S CENT	478	-28	19.10	NONE	NONE	478	19.10
WEST	504	268	25.74	(A)	(A)	522	25.80
U.S.TOTAL	4,756(B)	-1	25.81	0	77	4,833	25.81
TO DATE							

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1999 197,355(B) 55 1,519 198,929

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1998 206,778(B) 72 1,583 208,433

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 17,000 for the year 626,000; last year to date 996,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,756	77	4,833
AVGWT	0.00	25.81	26.12	25.81
LAST WEEK	0	3,967	26	3,993
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,142	84	5,226
AVGWT	0.00	24.39(A)	24.67	24.40
TO-DATE/1999	55	197,355(A)	1,519	198,929
TO-DATE/1998	72	206,778(A)	1,583	208,433

(A) Includes 626,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 996,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 16-Oct-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 504 HD, 12,972 LBS,
TO DATE 13,998 HD, 340,312 LBS; OLD 18 HD, TO DATE 239 HD;
TOTAL 522 HD, TO DATE 14,237 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

SEPTEMBER	440,221 *
OCTOBER 1-16, 1999	202,994 *
To date 1999	4,067,962 *
To date 1998	4,141,715 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 OCTOBER 1999.

Undertone fully steady to firm on drums, full-cut and hen 2-joint wings and defatted gizzards. Tom 2-joint wing undertone steady to fully steady, 4-8 lb. breasts steady to firm, institutional breasts steady. Demand fair to good on full-cut wings, drums and hen 2-joints with some export buyers resisting the higher trending prices. Open priced fresh tom breast meat (8 loads) 141 cent ceiling delivered mid-November - early December. For export: fresh tom drums (7 loads) 25, fresh hen drums (2 loads) 26, tom wings (1 load) 31.50, scapula (3 loads) 69, defatted gizzards (1 load) 82 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	104.00		104.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00-29.00		27.27	211
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	25.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-32.00		31.01	103
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.10	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	66.00		66.00	160
NECKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.65	23
NECKS, HEN		T	18.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	138.00		138.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	147.43	280
THIGH MEAT	59.00-62.00		61.50	48
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	64.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	105.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	68.00-69.00		68.91	88
TENDERLOINS		T	150.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	132.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00		55.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	25.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.00	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	62.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment on tom breast meat ranged from cautiously steady to barely steady at best, destrapped tenderloins steady to weak, wing meat with skin steady to weak mostly steady, unground breast trim and scapula about steady. White meat demand uneven ranging from light to fair. Some sellers have turned away inquiry on wing meat and destrapped tenderloins while others note a lack of demand. Offerings of tom breast meat uneven ranging from light to ample, destrapped tenderloins light to available on fresh and frozen light to instances burdensome. For export (spot loads): tom necks 22, fresh tom drums 26, defatted gizzards 82 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	40	148.33	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	104.00	40	104.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	27.27	211	26.73	311
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	25.00	120		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	28.00	40	26.20	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	120	30.11	378
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	27.00		27.00	18	27.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.10	200		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	66.00	160	66.40	200
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	240	18.68	483
NECKS, HEN		T	18.00	12	18.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00		140.00	20	140.07	1,100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	141.00-146.00		144.29	480	145.58	800
THIGH MEAT	61.00		61.00	20	60.07	232
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00		64.00	40	64.21	112
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00		106.00	6	106.00	6
SCAPULA MEAT	70.00		70.00	42	70.24	270
TENDERLOINS		T	150.00	12	150.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	124.50-132.00		127.00	120	127.71	140
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	50.00-55.00		50.83	240	52.25	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	80	20.60	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.69	260	18.63	520
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-27.00		26.50	240	26.05	380
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	12.00	80	12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40	19.34	352
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-63.00		61.50	80	61.49	544

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